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# JULY 10, 2016

10:30am Service in the park Picnic & Baptisms to follow

#### "Dinner on the Ground"

Long before it was known as a church picnic, this day of worship and sharing was referred to as "Dinner on the Ground". The name "Dinner on the Ground" was coined when churches were much smaller and did not have fellowship halls that could hold everyone. "Dinner on the Ground" was held several times a month during the summer months. The church family came prepared with meats, desserts, and side-dishes. Families would spread a blanket on the ground and share their dishes with everyone. In some rural communities you might pull picnic tables together or even use a wagon to display all of the delicious items. One thing you could be sure of, this day was dedicated to family. Today's church picnics may of the event is still the same togetherness, becoming one, strong body that supports it's members. Please join your church family on July 10, in the park!



of, this day was dedicated to **On Sunday, July 10th - 9:00 a.m.** Worship will worshipping and sharing in music, be held in the sanctuary, along with children's and games and laughter as a church adult Sunday School in their respective rooms.

family. Today's church picnics may not last an entire day, but the heart of the event is still the same togetherness becoming one a

> We again plan to offer baptisms at the church picnic. Please contact the church office by July 6 if you wish to participate in the baptisms. You may also sign-up that day, but your advance notice is appreciated.



#### Standing in the Gap for Your Children through Prayer

As a result of attending Parent Connect, then watching the movie War Room the Holy Spirit inspired me to make praying for my family a daily priority as they navigate their way through this crazy world and the public school system. As I sought to increase my ability to pray, I was introduced to a group of Moms who impact not only their families but their communities and ultimately the world by meeting regularly to pray. This group of Moms is known as Moms in Prayer International.

What is Moms in Prayer International? It's two or more women who meet regularly to intercede on behalf of children and schools through prayer. It's open to Christian mothers, grandmothers or any woman who is willing to pray for a specific child and school. Moms in Prayer's vision is that every school in the world would be covered with prayer.

A message on their website motivates me even more to pray...

"What if you could change the world – not just for today but for generations to come? At Moms in Prayer International, we believe that a mom can be the single greatest force for good in the lives of her children and the children around her. We believe that lives and whole communities are changed forever when moms gather together to pray to the only One who can change a human heart. Moms can make the difference as they reach out to God in prayer...."

To learn more about praying I joined a *Moms in Prayer* bible study entitled <u>Igniting a Passion</u> <u>to Pray</u>. In the study I learned that the *Moms in Prayer* time is divided into Four Steps of Prayer: Praise (for who God is), Silent Confession (silently confessing sin to the God who forgives), Thanksgiving (for what God has done) and Intercession (praying scripture and specific requests for children & school staff & *Moms in Prayer* International). The most meaningful concept that I learned was to use scripture when praying for others. As an intercessor prays back to God His very words on behalf of others Satan's attacks can be thwarted, we follow Jesus' own example, and God's word can teach us how to pray accurately. In addition, by using scripture to pray I am learning to walk consistently and lean on God's Word for guidance and direction in the life of my family. This experience has been changing me on the inside and stirring up a passion deep within me to memorize and soak in God's Word on a daily basis.

Unless the Lord directs otherwise, I am planning to lead a *Moms in Prayer* group for the Halifax Area School District this Fall during What's Up Wednesdays. I'd like to begin with the <u>Igniting a Passion to Pray</u> curriculum for the first six weeks or so.



(Standing in the Gap—Continued...)

The following are examples using scripture during prayer (just place the person's name in the blank):

A prayer for a teacher or school staff member: LORD, I pray You will watch over 's coming and going both now and forevermore. From Psalm 121:8 (NIV)

A prayer for your child: Help \_\_\_\_\_\_ to not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, may he/she present his/her requests to God. And may the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard his/her heart and your mind in Christ Jesus. From Philippians 4:6-7

I'd like to end with a quote that was borrowed from Patrick Henry's words he used when he urged his fellow Virginians to join the Revolution of 1775, "Our brethren [and sisters] are already in the field! Why stand we here idle?" Sisters in Christ let's experience firsthand what happens when moms stand in the gap for their children and watch the world around us change in a positive way through prayer. Ready, set PRAY!

For more information regarding this group, please contact Chandra Burkholder at: Chandra@pa.net.

NOTE: The information in this article was compiled from various Moms in Prayer resources.



#### B.A.C.O.N. & Reach Out - Welcome to the neighborhood!

We are new, we are fun and we sizzle ! "**Be A Christian On-fire Now**" is a new Bible study group which meets on Wednesday nights. The gang got together during the John Ortberg study "Who's This Man?". They enjoyed the fellowship and decided to keep it going! BACON is currently using a study series by Frances Chan entitled: <u>Forgotten God, Revers-ing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit</u>. For information, contact Mike Acey at racey13@aol.com. As far as the acronym...well, Jim Frank and Ken Schadel are the responsible parties!!!

Look for another new kid on the block coming in August: "Reach Out"

Reach Out is a ladies group facilitated by JoAnne Konick-McMahon and Carole Reisch. This group will meet for the first time on Saturday, August 20th at 10am for brunch! The group plans to start with a study by Beth Moore. Entitled: <u>Knowing God</u>. Please contact JoAnne if you are interested in joining this new group of gals! JoAnn can be reached at: ndswsj@aol.com.

#### Faith In Action 24/7

I am really blessed this summer to have the chance to serve with Isaiah 61 ministries for a few hours each week through an internship that is part of my degree program at Asbury Theological Seminary. It's an awesome thing sometimes to get out of your normal, familiar context of ministry to serve with others, to glean from them, to see things that you might normally miss. I've enjoyed the van rides down and back from Harrisburg where I can just talk about following Jesus and hear ministry stories from April and Angel who started this ministry known as Isaiah 61, which many of us are familiar with (if not, go to www.isaiah61ministries.org)

For Angel and April, ministry is much more than a program, a particular leader or personality, a set schedule—ministry is LIFE. Life with Jesus and life with others. You just have to spend ten minutes with them to figure it out. On the ride home from Harrisburg yesterday evening, Angel and I were talking about church life today. He noted that so many churches have many people, many groups, and many programs. He reflected, the churches in this region, they have so many great people and groups, if they could just get the church to go OUT into the community, to really meet people where they're at, learn their needs, and love them, we would be a force on this earth!

He's right.

No one has it all figured out, we're all on the path of growing more and more into the fullness of Christ. But on the way, part of that journey is following Him out of the building, into the world.

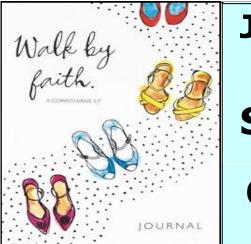
Faith in Action Sunday is about that: it's about worshiping Christ by following His calling to be about more than a building or a worship service. To be a *people* who love and serve.

To Know, to Grow, and to GO.

At Halifax UMC, we *get* this—we've *got* it for some time now. But when it comes to Faith in Action Sunday, it's got to be about way more than one Sunday, one program, one ministry. It's got to be our whole life. Together.

As we become a Church of Life Groups, where everyone can Know, Grow, and Go, a very important part of Life Group ministry will be the "GO". Every Life Group will become a launching point from which servants of Christ can Know and Grow to the point where they are ready to Go into their context, and find a "niche" together where they will intentionally serve and love people with the Holy Love of God, announcing His Kingdom and living the ways of Jesus.

Imagine an entire church of people serving all over the region in their own pockets of Kingdom living, reaching out in every corner of the community with true purpose and intentionality. Imagine Isaiah 61 becoming our reality as we Go together. - Pastor David



# June to November we are..... STEPPING TO ONE BILLION!

HUMC is participating in a walking program sponsored by Hershey Medical Center. The program's mission is to raise health awareness in our community. Hershey is asking churches in rural communities to spend some time making healthy choices and striving for that 10,000 steps per day. Hershey has provided participants with pedometers for us to log our progress and calorie count books so we can see just how many calories we are taking in during a day. This initiative has been dubbed ""HUMC Walk by Faith". Our goal is to reach 1 billion steps by November 30th, we have over 100 steppers to date!

That said, I would like to thank everyone who has registered for WBF. If you have any questions about anything please feel free to call me. My phone # is 717-439-3386. If you are on facebook keep an eye on the Walk by Faith HUMC page or participate in the group page for more information and encouragement. Information will also be on the screen Sunday mornings.

We will be holding group walks Wednesday mornings at 9:30am meeting at the church. Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm. Look for the dates of the walk on the WBF page or the screen Sunday mornings. If you have small children bring the strollers!! If it is raining we will not walk. Hope to see you there! Keep on moving!

July walk dates

July (Tuesdays) 5 , 26 @7:00pm July (Wednesdays) 6 , 27@ 9:30am August Walk Dates August (Tuesdays) 2,9,16,23,30 @ 7:00pm August (Wednesdays) 3,10,17,24,31 @ 9:30am

Submitted by, Jill Still





#### HALIFAX UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 8 - 12, 2016 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Age 3 through Grade 5



Name	M	_ F	_Birth Date	Age
Address			Grade completing June '16	

Home Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Attends what church? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother\_\_\_; Father\_\_\_; Guardian\_\_\_; Name

In case of an emergency contact:

Name

Allergies or other conditions which may limit activity

\_\_\_ Who will be picking up this child?

Telephone

I give permission for my child to attend and participate in all events and activities as part of Halifax UM Church. I also authorize VBS staff to obtain and give treatment for my child, while attempting to contact me, for such injury or illness that may occur in my absence and hold them harmless in the exercise of this authority. Unless otherwise notified, my signature also gives permission for still or video pictures of my child to be used for promotional purposes.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_

Please return registration form by Sunday, July 24, 2016

Alan Bostdorf Halifax United Methodist Church 105 Wind Hill Drive Halifax, PA 17032



# YOUTH MINISTRY





#### \*The **"NEXT"** Adventure (All JULY )

We're embarking on a spiritual adventure together this July for the entire month. It's simple, but it will be powerful: you'll get your own copy of the "**NEXT**" **devotional** to work through **every day on your own**, come to a **small group** at David & Emily Layser's

house **every Wednesday** at 6pm, and join us for **Faith in Action Week** where we'll serve the community together for God's glory. "**NEXT**" is about growing in faith for a lifetime after you've made the initial decision to follow Christ. Because faith is the most epic adventure you'll ever take.



#### \*Faith in action week (July 25 – 29)

An amazing week of putting our faith in action by serving our very own community. You'll work hard, learn new things, meet new people, go to new places, make new friendships—and you'll encounter God's grace every day. Take the leap of faith and just go serve!

#### \*Sunday School (all Summer)

Every Sunday at 9am at Halifax UMC! Jr. High meet in the HUB, Sr. High meet in the House on the Hill. Learn, Grow, and GO!



\*Life groups (Returning this Fall!!!)

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# **FAITH in ACT!ON!**

Please contact the church office for information or sign up at the Faith In Action table in the church lobby. Skilled and unskilled labor will be needed. We will also need photographers, a childcare team, a first aid team, water team and crew leaders. We are also accepting projects, please see the project sign up sheets in the church lobby or email Lisa Acey at: lacey@halifaxumc.com. Thank you!

# **FAITH IN MOTION CORNER**

#### WELCOME SUMMER!

**1 Corinthians 9:27** But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Summer is here and everyone loves to hit the great outdoors to enjoy Gods beauty. Here are a few tips before you head out to either walk, mow the lawn, do a bit of gardening or just to sit and relax.

- Sun protection! Sun screen and a hat are great to keep out the harmful rays.
- If you are going to be doing yard work or going for a walk or run make sure you stretch out your muscles once your body has warmed up a bit.
- Hydrate! This is very important this helps our bodies stay cool. Heat stroke and heat exhaustion can all be prevented. We all should drink half our body weight in water. Especially if you are going outside to be active.
- Enjoy and have fun. Set up yard games for you and the kids/grandkids to play. We are all young at heart.

This months F.I.M. Recipe is for Black Bean Salad, this is great on salad, served with chicken or fish or just by itself. Enjoy! - Jill Still

#### Black Bean Salad

Combine 1 can of Black Beans rinsed, 1 roasted red pepper cut to cubes (Giant roasted red peppers in the jar), 1 garlic glove diced, A few green or black olives diced, 1 tlb of olive oil, 2 tlb spoons of lemon juice, Pepper to taste, Chill for a few hours and serve.

#### Your Giving and Tithing

Greetings from your HUMC Financial Administrator, Brenda McCann! Just a few noteworthy items for your information. I am new to HUMC, so feel free to introduce yourself to me between services or during your next visit! Blessings to all—Brenda

**Envelopes** for your weekly contributions should be used as often as possible. For new requests, or if you'd prefer not to receive envelopes every month, contact the church office ASAP. Keep in mind some changes may take up to 2 months to complete. In the meantime, we suggest placing contributions into separate envelopes labeled with the name of the fund or ministry you wish them to be applied – this will ensure that they are credited correctly. If you wish to make an additional donation and have run out of envelopes you may use a blank postal envelope . Please include your full name, membership envelope number, and indicate which ministry or program should be accredited when the appropriate envelope does not exist in your monthly packet.

**Flower sponsorships:** Should be paid promptly using the flower envelopes posted on the bulletin board next to the form request. Don't forget to include your membership envelope number with your payment!

**<u>E-Giving</u>**: Giving can be completed as an automatic deduction from a checking or savings account, without the need to write a check, please contact the church office for applications.



#### 4th Seed Sowers-Men's Group

This men's group meets on Monday nights at Camp Hebron . If you are interested in finding out more about men's ministry

please contact Rich Reed at rich@camphebron.org



#### **Rough Men of Faith**

This men's group meets Tuesday nights at 7:15pm at the Youth Center. Now reading and discussing the book entitled "Man Enough" by Nate Pyle. Please contact Mika Miller or the church office for more information or to join this group.



# COWBOY CHURCH

July 17<sup>th</sup> & August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm

Woodside Boarding Station,

2080 State Route 209 Millersburg

Includes: Pot Luck Meal



Ownership of horse is not required. Contact : Steve & Rachel Shetterly #692-0390 "Yee haw for Jesus"



#### **BEDROCK GANG**

- July 2016 Activities
- 7/5 Games, Fun & Fellowship
- 7/12 Jill Still Presentation Walk by Faith
- 7/13 Bus Trip to Lancaster Kitchen Kettle Village, Shady Maple, & "Samson" at
  - Sight n Sound.
- 7/19 Creation Youth Visit & Summer Picnic
- 7/26 Trip to Williamsport, Pa.'s Historic Sites & Trolley Ride

At the Youth Center Tuesday mornings

- 9:30 Noon
- Christian Fellowship

with fun activities and programs.

#### Mark Your Calendars for **RockSOLID** Youth Faith in **Action Week!** July 25 – July 29, 2016 Breakfast & Devotions at Halifax Youth Center before heading to work sites

Lunch will be served at work sites

Detailed information packet & registration form will be mailed.

SAVE THE DATE!





#### **New Ministry For Visitations**

If you would like to provide care and company for the homebound, please contact the church office .

#### **God's Handiwork**

The group will meet on July 12th & 26th. Gatherings are at House on the Hill, use the main entrance. If you cannot join us but would like to donate yarn, you may do so by dropping it off at the church office.

#### Are you suffering

from an abortion in the past?

8 week study group

Begins: Monday, July 11, at 7:00pm. **Resource:** "Surrendering the Secret" by Pat Layton

Leadership is trained and certified by the author.

This Study group is confidential and in a private setting.

Call Rachel Shetterly 717 952-0201 to sign up or for more information.

OUTREACH GRIEF On Sunday May 29th, our Grief Share

group met at Steve & Rachel Shetterly's home for a 'potluck' picnic. Everyone brought something different and everything was delicious! We sat out under a their large beautiful tree and shared many experiences of our past and thoughts of our future. I truly can see the Lord is working to heal each and every one of us. There was so much laughter! We had a beautiful day with lots of sunshine and even a light shower which drew us closer together under the tree. No one wanted to leave. Thank you Steve and Rachel for opening vour lovely home to all of us and making evervone feel so welcome.

God Bless,

Jacquie Cooper

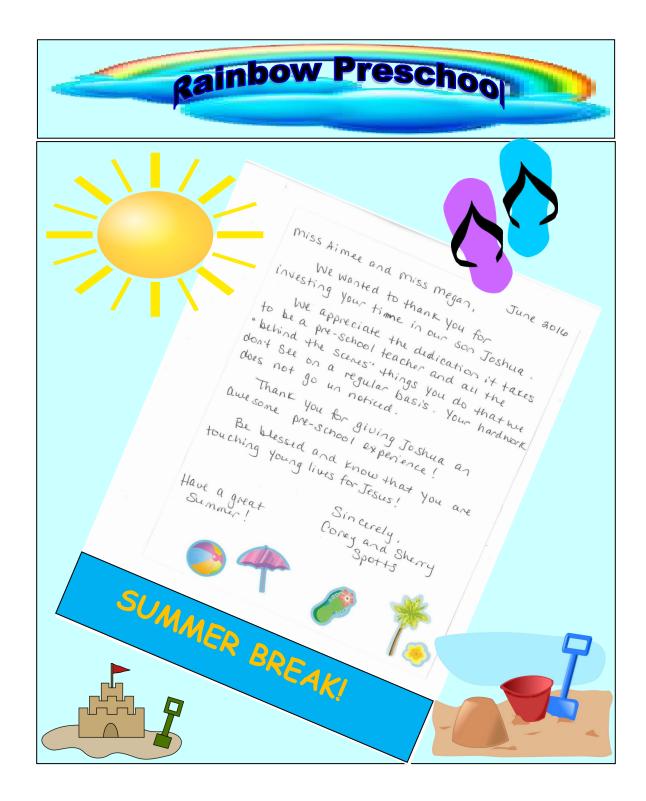
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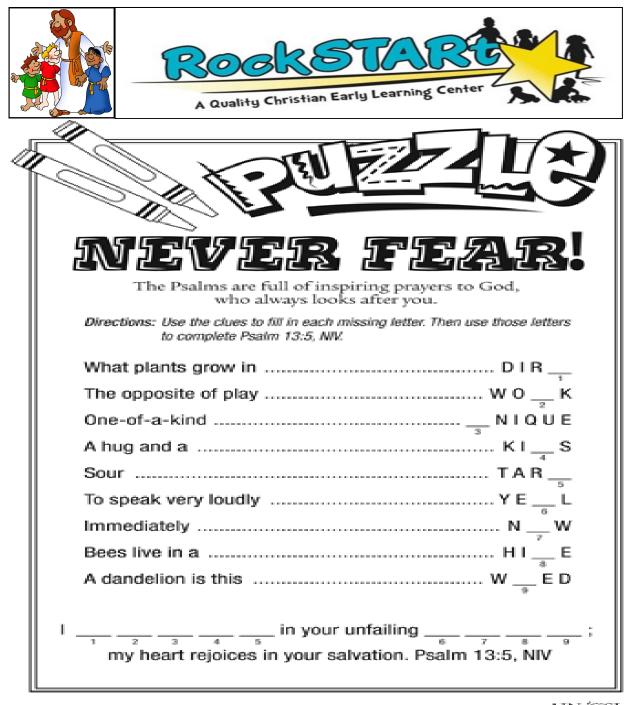


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The Life Group program at Halifax UMC is expanding! We are looking for folks who feel called to facilitate life groups. Life groups can be interest-based,

gender-based, generation-based, you name it ! Nearly any common thread will get you started down the path of sheparding a life group. Common threads give you a place to begin and the connections unfold from there. Like to run? Get a group together and go for a weekly run, incorporate some fellowship, care and support and voila! You have a life group! Yes, It's that easy! Do you have an idea? If you'd like to talk about it, please contact Pastor David or Lisa Acey at 717-896-8092. Thank you!





Answers: dirt, work, unique, kiss, tart, yell, now, hive, weed; I trust in your untailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. Psalm 13:5, NIV



Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for blessing me with this scholarship. The scholarship will enable me to continue striving towards my dream of working in the oncology field. It is always encouraging to know my church family is helping me fulfill my dreams.

God Bless,

Marlee Schwalm

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers and especially for Pastor David's visits over the past two months.

Thanks again,

Frances Cole

## **COWBOY CHURCH**

July 17<sup>th</sup> & August 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm Woodside Station Boarding Stable 2080 State Route 209, Millersburg

Cowboy church is a nontraditional service . It begins with devotions followed by a potluck meal. Everyone brings a dish and the main meat dish is provided. After the pot luck meal, there is normally some sort of horse-related program such as a trail ride or fun show. All riding disciplines are welcome. You can wear your boots and jeans and just be comfy. Ownership of horse is not required. Assistance with music is always appreciated. Please contact Steve & Rachel Shetterly at 717-692-0390 for more information.

"Yeehaw for Jesus"

Thank you for the rose that was placed on the altar honoring Amelia's birth and for the beautiful baby blanket—it's perfect for snuggling! We're blessed to be a part of such a thoughtful church family.

Love, Derrick, Jen & Amelia Altland

#### Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package. It was extremely appreciated and yummy! Thank you for vour continued thoughts and pravers.

God Bless, Marlee :-)

Thank you so much for the scholarship. It will help me to finance my future schooling. I also greatly appreciate the love and support the church shows me throughout life.

Thanks again, Tyler

#### To All Members of Methodist Church,

Thank you for everything. I show Rose the beautiful cards that you send and they bring a smile. Thank you for your prayers for Rose, God Bless each and every one of you.

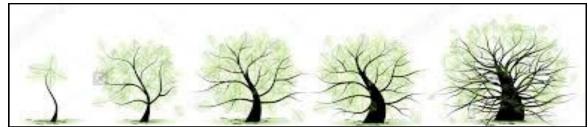
Ken & Rose Weaver & Family

#### HUMC Family,

Thank you very much for the blanket for Landon. We are blessed with such a caring & generous church family.

Love, Erick, Justine,

Layton & Landon Rittle



#### Life's Journeys





Edison Samuel Layser, son of Pastor David and Emily Layser was baptized June 12, 2016

Briella Buffington Born May 16, 2016. Congratulations, to proud parents Nina Gentile and Brandon Buffington!



# Betty I. Eztweiler August 27, 1929 —

Please email your Life's Journey News to Pat Hoffman: phoffman@halifaxumc.com or to Lisa Acey: lacey@halifaxumc.com, or contact the church office at: 896-8092. Thank you!

#### Special Thanks from HUMC Staff!

Jennifer Warfel is one of our custodians who keeps the church facility spic & span and ready for all the many ministries. During her 8 week recovery time from surgery, Jill Still filled in for her. We express our deepest gratitude to Jill for her outstanding diligence, for her compassionate spirit, and for her faith in motion. There is nothing "Still" about Jill Still except her last name.

Also, we praise God for Jennifer Warfel's recovery and her return to employment. She is such a great asset to the family of God here at Halifax UM Church.

**Together We Can** is a support group for individuals and families with a drug or alcohol problem. These meetings are confidential and meet every Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the House on the Hill.

**ARTICLES FOR THE** AUGUST NEWSLETTER are due July 12, 2016





#### Patriotic trivia for July

As we celebrate America's birthday, it's interesting to note that clergymen wrote both the Pledge of Allegiance and the hymn "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Rev. Francis Bellamy wrote the pledge in 1892. Rev. Samuel Francis Smith wrote the hymn in 1831. Both men were Baptist ministers.

The pledge was first used in public schools in 1892 during Columbus Day observances. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was used as a national song before "The Star-Spangled Banner" was named America's national anthem in 1931.

#### JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MINISTRY	JULY 3 Communion	JULY 10 CHURCH PICNIC At Halifax Park	JULY 17	JULY 24	JULY 31
Greeters Narthex 9:00 A.M.	Robbie Eyster Kara Stiely	Carol Albert Heather Bruner	Ruth Allen Jacquie Cooper	Deb Castellani Kim Felker	Jen, Emily & Becca Graff
Greeters Narthex 10:30 A.M.	Bill & Betty Shumaker	Craig & Valerie Snyder	Jeff & Patty Wiebner	Faith In Action Sunday	Doug & Margaret Doebler
Ushers 9:00 A. M	Dave Kessler Wayne Campbell Freeman Nice Andrew Dressler	Dave Kessler Joann Fake Allen & Kendra Whitteker	Jeff Krnjaic Linda Johnson Levi & Sarah Swigart	Dave Kessler Evie Miller Brian & Lowell Divens	Dave Kessler Jane Pincin Rich Frantz Victor Reiner
Ushers 10:30 A. M.	Jim & Amanda Acri Ross Bordner Robbie Eyster	Jim Acri Dwight, Emily, Jessica Hoffman	Jim Acri Dallas Hoffman Jeremy Barnowsky TBD	Faith In Action Sunday	Jim Acri Tyler Harker George & Teresa Leader
Lay Reader 9:00 A. M.	Scott McBurney	Ella Starr	Scott Romberger	Joann Fake	Levi Swigart
Lay Reader 10:30 A. M.	Melina Costentino	Robbie Eyster	Joy Breach	Faith in Action Sunday	Rachel Shetterly
Acolyte 9:00 A.M.	Nathan Tanner	Luke Blasick	Ella Starr	Amanda Acri	Brian Tanner
Children's Program	Heidi Eyster Tricia Shultz	Lisa & Brinley Weaver	Brad Harker Emmalee Stipe	Emily & Dwight Hoffman	Steph Harker Kim Felker
Blood Pressure		Chelsea Michaels Pat Lowery			
Eyeglass Adjustments	Bill Shumaker				
Crib Nursery 9:00 A.M.	Tami Parker	Kara Shoffler Julie McCarron	Sarah Swigart Sue Nice	Cassandra Enders Tyrell Nestler	Shannon Gilmer Julie Rhoades
Crib Nursery 10:30 A.M.	Lynn Gilmore	Donna Hinderliter Brian Tanner	Heather Masser Kayla Handy	Jessie & Chris Stipe	Karen Starr Maggie Starr
10:30 Toddler & Preschool	Pat Reitz Amanda Acri	Stephanie Gentile Nina Gentile	Shelly Smith Cade Wilbert	Emily Castellani	Valerie Minnich Ella Starr
Offering Counters	Scott & Gaye Romberger Rich & Tina Willier	Scott & Gaye Romberger Rich & Tina Willier	Scott & Gaye Romberger Rich & Tina Willier	Scott & Gaye Romberger Rich & Tina Willier	Scott & Gaye Romberger Rich & Tina Willier
Card Ministry	Wanda Pottiger	Wanda Pottiger	Wanda Pottiger	Wanda Pottiger	Wanda Pottiger
Giant Card Sales	Elaine Sedesse	Amy Lindsey	Carol Fetterhoff	Dawn Sariano	Miriam Keefer
Downtown Daily Bread Servers			Tracie Heintzelman Linda Johnson		
Beverage Server	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A